Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

I would like to invite all our parents to our 2007 Open Day, which will be held on Saturday 18th of August, between 2 pm and 4 pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to see all of our departments in action and learn more about the various activities of our school.

Last week we hosted Mr Peter Doyle, the new Australian Ambassador to Turkey. He visited our school before leaving for Turkey. We briefed him about our school and the Turkish community in Melbourne.

In addition, this week, former Victorian Governor, Sir James Gobbo, visited our school to talk to our Year 9 and 10 students as a part of our Values Education program. As part of this program, we invite distinguished members of the community to our school to share with our students their life experiences, their thoughts about youth, expectations of them in terms of our wider society, as well as the challenges and surprises that lie ahead.

Last Friday, we experienced another fabulous performance night “Cayda Cira” as a part of the Hume Winter Festival. It was very pleasing to see our students performing folkdancing and singing different songs from all over Turkey. As you know, Isik College is an academic school, but we believe in developing the talents of every individual, and the performing arts are a vital means to achieving this. I would like to thank our music teacher Gulsah Yildirim and folkdancing teacher Hacer Yildirim for their hard work and dedication.

Year 9 & 10 Morning Tea for High Achievers

Last week the five highest achieving year 9 and 10 girls were invited to a morning tea with the principal, deputy principals and the year level coordinator. The morning tea was not only a celebration of their achievement but also an opportunity for students to share ideas. Congratulations again to the following girls:

9A BUSRA ALPAY
9B SARA METANIOS
9A NESLIHAN SERT
9B REZZAN UFAICILIGIL
9B ESRA KEMAL
10B OZLEM SEZER
10B BERRAK BEKTAS
10A EZGI AKAR
10A EBRU EFEM
10B SERENAY KALKAN

Best wishes,

Mr. M. Koca

Values Education

What Is Respect?

Respect means a lot of different things. On a practical level it seems to include taking someone's feelings, needs, thoughts, ideas, wishes and preferences into consideration. We might also say it means taking all of these seriously and giving them worth and value. In fact, giving someone respect seems similar to valuing them and their thoughts and feelings. It also includes acknowledging them, listening to them, being truthful with them and accepting their individuality and idiosyncrasies. Respect can be shown through behaviour and it can also be felt. We can act in ways which are considered respect-
Although it seems like a long time, the first Winter Carnival was just a few short months ago. This year we were lucky to get a beautiful autumn day to enjoy all the fun activities. We were also very excited about the primary school and Dandenong Campus joining us on our fun day. Our students enjoyed the jumping castle, karaoke, delicious food and face painting. It was a great day for students and an excellent fundraiser for several areas including our upcoming drama production.

I would like to thank students, teachers and the parents and friends association who helped make the carnival a real success.

We look forward to Isik College's 2nd Winter Carnival in 2008.

Ms. E. Sener-Esen
Production Manager.
clowns

henna-painting

popcorn

balloons

karaoke

‘Elmo need hug!’

braiding
Year 11’s Fit to Drive

On Monday 22 July, Year 11 students participated in the Fit to Drive seminar as part of the Hume City Council’s Road Safety Grants 2007 program.

Students heard presentations by representatives from Victoria Police and the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB) and were involved in interactive Case Study workshops. They were engaged in assessing road safety scenarios and rating the risks. Students also watched TAC (Transport Accident Commission) videos which were produced by young students to educate young people about the importance of road safety; they were very moved by these.

Overall, Year 11 students thoroughly enjoyed the seminar and workshops and all received complementary show bags containing information on safe driving.

Ms. F. Celik
VCE Coordinator

2007 Debating Success

Debating provides a unique opportunity for our students to debate teams from other Independent, Catholic and Public Schools in the region. There were five preliminary rounds, where points were awarded for method, manner and matter.

This year we have entered two teams from both year 10s and 11s and one team from year 12s, where they had to debate not only challenging topics but also prepare for secret subjects. I would like to congratulate İmren Ustalar (10A) and Ecehan B. Gurbayrak (10A) for winning the best speaker award for their debates.

Debating students are currently continuing to develop their skills and are preparing for the 2008 season. It has been a very enjoyable time and the girls are to be commended for their effort and excellent behaviour throughout the rounds.

Ms. E. Sener-Esen
Debating Coordinator

The Night of Regaip

Thursday the 19th of July was the Night of Regaip. The Night of Regaip is the night in which Muslims ask Allah for forgiveness and divine grace. The day is spent fasting and the evening is spent with prayers and reading the Qur’an. The evening involved a program after school at Isik College and continued with iftar at the Anatolian Restaurant. Thank you to all teachers and students who contributed to make the evening enjoyable one.

Mentoring Program

Isik College is piloting a mentorship program which involves students in years 10 and 11 mentoring students in years 7 and 8. The program is designed to develop leadership qualities in our senior students as they become role models for junior students. Senior students will be providing support to younger students in academic, personal and spiritual areas. An introductory lunch was organized on Thursday the 26th of July so that the mentors and mentees could meet each other. Other students who would like to be involved in this program can contact Mrs. Aldemir.

We are looking forward to many more camps!